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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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President Richard Nixon
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

When I returned to my office today after a week's visit to CINCPAC Headquarters, your thoughtful and deeply appreciated note of 20 February was waiting on my desk.

What made possible the results that have finally been achieved in Indochina was, primarily, your leadership and -- above all -- your unflinching, politically courageous steadfastness in questing for what was in our Nation's true interest rather than what was politically expedient or would have been transiently popular. Without that steadfast leadership, the efforts of your subordinate associates in the Executive Branch would have been nugatory.

Doing whatever I personally could to support you and your policies was my privilege and my pleasure. It was also my duty -- as a citizen and, especially, as a career Agency officer. This Agency exists to serve our country by serving and supporting its President and, at his direction, those whom he chooses to counsel with him.

It was quite unnecessary for you to thank me for doing my duty. Nonetheless, your note was a signal honor which means a great deal to me and for which I thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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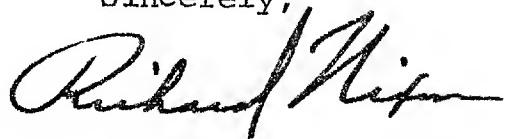
Dear Mr. Carver:

As I saw our POWs come off the plane at Clark Field, I was never so proud to be an American.

These brave men were able to return to a nation which had achieved peace with honor rather than to one which had suffered a humiliating defeat. This would not have been possible had it not been for those -- like you -- who served America with such dedication, whether militarily or diplomatically, throughout this long and difficult struggle.

I just wanted you to know how much I personally appreciate all you have done to help achieve the honorable peace we fought for.

Sincerely,



Mr. George Carver
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